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Interview Summary

Application No. 09/396,701	Applicant(s) GUPTA ET. AL.
Examiner Beatriz Prieto	Group Art Unit 2152



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Beatriz Prieto, USPTO

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Date of Interview Apr 5, 2001

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Faxed interview request (03/30/01) comprising intended purpose and content of Interview (i.e. agenda, presenting points regarding claim limitations and applied prior art) to be discussed (see attached)

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 13, and 25

Identification of prior art discussed:

Hou (US 5,383,313) and Russel (US 5,526,407)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

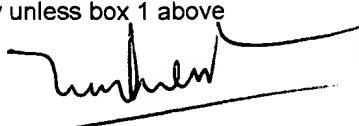
Faxed agenda was reviewed and arguments were considered. Applicant was granted the interview and informed that presented arguments were not persuasive, nor motivate examiner to withdraw finality or consider grounds for allowability. In response to arguments Examiner reviewed action and indicated that rationale presented in office action for supporting rejected limitations, is sustained. Interview was extended for the purpose of providing applicant the opportunity to raise or amplify any subsequent concerns regarding the art applied, and not open to arguments, dispute, or contentions intended to persuade examiner position. Presented agenda or arguments with the intention to persuade were suggested to be presented officially as an request for consideration After Final, where raised arguments will be addressed in written to maintain a proper record all communications (MPEP § 713.01 - § 713.04).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

- Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.